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SUBJECT: SECRETARY VANCE MEETS WITH INTERNATIONAL
COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) PRESIDENT

REF: GENEVA 4156 (STADIS)

1. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW FOR YOUR BACKGROUND INFORMATION
AN EXCERPT FROM GENEVA 4165 CONCERNING INDONESIA:
"ALTHOUGH THE ICRC WAS INVITED TO INDONESIA BY THE GOVERN-
MENT, IT BECAME CLEAR DURING THE VISIT OF RED CROSS
DELEGATES THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD NO INTENTION OF PRO-
VIDING THE INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR ICRC REPORTS, OR OF
PERMITTING THE TYPE OF PRIVATE AND FREE CONTACTS WITH
DETAINEES WHICH THE RED CROSS REGARDS AS INDISPENSABF.
INDEED IT APPEARED CLEAR TO HAY AND HIS COLLEAGUES THAT
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THE GOI CYNICALLY EMPLOYED THE RED CROSS VISITS AS A
MEANS OF COVERING UP WITH THE MEDIA JUST PRIOR TO THE
INDONESIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS."

2. WE REGRET THIS INFORMATION WAS NOT PROVIDED YOU
EARLIER. UNFORTUNATELY, THE TELEGRAM CONTAINING IT AND
REPORTING OTHER DETAILS (NOT PERTINENT TO INDONESIA)

OF SECRETARY VANCE'S TALK WITH ICRC PRESIDENT HAY AND

DIRECTOR HOCHE WAS NOT DISTRIBUTED TO EA. WE ONLY BE-
LATEDLY OBTAINED A COPY OF IT. VANCE

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